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To: [Appel, Elizabeth](#); [Anthony Rodman](#)
Subject: Fwd: Question
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FYI on our earlier discussion.

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From: Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, May 15, 2017 at 12:47 PM
Subject: Re: Question
To: Jami Bayles (b) (6)

Hi Jami,

We would welcome this method of submitting comments. Its no problem at all to translate for someone else.

Thanks,

Downey

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 10:33 AM, Jami Bayles <(b) (6)> wrote:
Good morning Ms. Magallanes,

First of all I wanted to thank you for visiting San Juan County with Secretary Zinke. I hope your trip went well and hope that you were able to see a lot of our beautiful county and talk with many of the residents here.

Second, I hope you don't mind me contacting you, but I have a question regarding the public comment process on the Bears Ears National Monument debate. Some of the people that are most directly affected by this monument are the Navajo & Ute Elders that live in San Juan County, Utah, and they have a lot to say. However, many do not speak English, let alone type or write it. How could we go about including their concerns in the public comments? Could we have people (like relatives that are bilingual) speak to them and then "translate" that info & submit it online, perhaps with disclaimer that it was translated and submitted on behalf of the Elder? I feel like they have some of the most logical arguments that need to be heard by the Department of Interior, but worry that they will be excluded in this process. Any advice you can give is most appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Best,
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